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October 27, 2021

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
State Auditor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

RE: Petition approval request from Alixandra Cossette regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article III, version 2 (2022-069)

Dear Auditor Galloway:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Missouri Constitution filed by Alixandra Cossette on October 27, 2021.

We are referring the enclosed petition sample sheet to you for the purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary as required by Section 116.332, RSMo. Section 116.175.2, RSMo requires the state auditor to forward the fiscal note and fiscal note summary to the attorney general within twenty days of receipt of the petition sample sheet.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John R. Ashcroft

cc: Hon. Eric S. Schmitt
Sheri Hoffman
Trish Vincent

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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To the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri:
We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or City of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or City of St. Louis); my registered voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

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CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____, I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)

	NAME (Signature)	DATE Signed	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Number)(Street), (City, Town Or Village)	ZIP CODE	CONG. DIST.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or city of St. Louis). FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY. I am at least 18 years of age. I do _____ do not _____ (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer: _____, A.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D.

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

Street Address of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Signature of Notary

Address of Notary

(Seal)

NOTICE: The proposed amendment revises Article III of the Constitution by adopting one new section to be known as Article III, Section 39(g).

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended as follows:

Section A. Article III of the Constitution is revised by adopting one new Section to be known as Article III, Section 39(g) to read as follows:

Section 39(g) 1. Any entity licensed by the Missouri Gaming Commission may offer Sports Wagering in this state. Sports Wagering means wagering on professional athletic or sporting events.

2. The Missouri Gaming Commission shall promulgate rules to regulate Sports Wagering including, but not limited to:

(a) Requirements that licensees cooperate with investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies or professional sports leagues;

(b) Standards requiring the use of official league data to determine the outcome of certain types of wagers on a professional athletic or sporting event;

(c) Standards and procedures for licensing excursion gambling boats, sports and entertainment districts, and internet based sports wagering platforms to offer Sports Wagering; and

(d) Rules prohibiting all Sports Wagering activity within a sports and entertainment district unless approved by the professional sports team that plays its home games within the district, except such rules shall not prohibit the sole activity of offering Sports Wagering over the internet via a licensed internet based sports wagering platform that is accessible to persons physically located within the sports and entertainment district. A sports and entertainment district shall be comprised of:

(i) the premises of any facility where a professional sports team plays its home games and the 400 yards surrounding such premises; or

(ii) any area owned or operated by an entity or affiliated entities licensed to sell liquor at retail as an entertainment district pursuant to chapter 311 of the Missouri statutes and such entity or affiliated entities have a verifiable financial investment of more than two hundred million dollars to develop such district, provided, however, that, for purposes hereof, the boundaries of such entertainment district shall not be enlarged after the effective date hereof.

3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Section 39(d), to the contrary, a wagering tax of 10 percent is imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received from Sports Wagering conducted by a licensed entity. Fifty percent of the revenues received from any tax imposed on sports wagering shall be appropriated to support pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade educational institutions and fifty percent of the revenues received from such a tax shall be appropriated for the construction, repair or maintenance of highways, roads or bridges.

(b) The state auditor shall perform an annual audit of the revenues received and appropriated pursuant to this section to ensure they are being used only for authorized purposes. The state auditor shall make such audit available to the public, the governor, and the general assembly.

(c) The additional revenue provided by this section shall not be part of the "total state revenue" within the meaning of Article X, Sections 17 and 18. The expenditure of this additional revenue shall not be an "expense of state government" under Article X, Section 20.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Article III, Section 39(9), to the contrary, the general assembly may enact laws consistent with this section.

5. All provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.